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In re U.S. Patent Application of)
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For: CLUSTERING DISK CONTROLLER, ITS DISK)
CONTROL UNIT AND LOAD BALANCING)
METHOD OF THE UNIT)
Attorney Docket No. HITA. 0181)

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2005, the period for response to which is set to expire on May 22, 2005. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: